

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, July 26, 1790, from
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Charlottesville July 26. 1790.

Dear Sir

A few days past your favor of June 11 was presented me by yr. relation Mr. G. Jefferson expressive of yr. friendly & benevolent wishes toward that young gentleman. Colo. Jervis is on a visit to Bedford, so that whatever depends on him will remain in suspense, untill his return, wh. will be in a few days. In the interim he will remain with me, & indeed he shall be comfortably establish'd in the neighbourhood. Be assure'd I shall be happy to render him every possible service in my power, being gratified with an opportunity of shewing my regard to whomever you may wish to possess it, especially so near a connection of your own.

Tis reported here that the subject of residence has recd. a final decision, wh. has terminated in favor of the headwaters of the Potowk. as the permanent, & Phila. as the tempy. Seat. The precise modificatn. has not reach'd us: if they have not plac'd it too high up the country in the 1st instance, suffer'd it to remain too long in Phila. In the next, & left the erection of the buildings in some measure dependent on subsequent votes of Congress, I shall heartily approve of it. If they have plac'd the latter business under the direc

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tion of the Executive it will most probably succeed. If this interesting subject has been clos'd in the manner represented to us, & shall be bona fide executed, I shall consider it as a liberal & magnanimous trait in the operations of the govt. wh. will do them who discharge its functions the highest credit. And altho' I did not expect upon this subject, from their former conduct on it, such a decision, yet as nature has pass'd no inhibiting law to the contrary, I shall conclude it is the case. I am sincerely your affectionate friend & servant, Jas. Monroe

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